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The Right To Live.

It is the inherited right of every person in the United States of America to live in freedom; to live their lives under no dictation but that of God and humane laws of their country; to live and think and worship according to the dictates of their conscience and not as others decry. It is part of our doctrine that every man shall be free and have the same opportunity for advancement. Our forefathers grasped that right by blood and suffering and death, the greatest agonies that can possess mankind.

We are a humble people; we are a grateful people; we are a people that remember and "do unto others as we would have others do unto us." That is why we rebuild crooked bodies; that is why we straighten tortured arms and legs of little children. We are not a people of fire and sword who kill and hate and destroy the bodies of children upon the altar of sacrifice. He has taught us to take unto us the little children, to take them by the hand and teach them the truth of right and wrong, to mend their bodies so that they may go forth into the world and "do unto others as we would have others do unto us." Our forefathers made a pledge that we can not throw down, a pledge we will not falter to carry on. We will give to each child the same opportunity to advance in the world and tonight as each mother and father looks down upon their son or daughter, they need not worry about the future because our forefathers made a pledge to each child of this country. Each shall have the same opportunity!

Now our time has come again. For the last fifteen years the Kentucky Society for Crippled Children has held an annual drive for funds—not a drive for funds to carry on a ghastly war of blood and death and scum—but a drive of kindness to build new arms and legs and bodies for more than 8,000 children of our state. The 1941 drive will begin April 2 and continue through Easter, April 13.

In Nicholas county at this very moment, the Society is re-making nineteen youngsters through its qualified agency, The Kentucky Crippled Children Commission. In Nicholas county, 20 children have been helped in the past at an approximate cost of $272 for each child. Unfortunately, there are still more children in Nicholas county who have been examined but must wait because of lack of funds.

Why should we help such a drive? It is very simple. The men and women who have marched before us with a great tradition made a promise to the children of America. Each child shall have the same opportunity in our country and we believe in that, we believe that each child is worthy of opportunity. Then, too, He has taught us, "do unto others as ye would have others do unto you."

Ruby Laffoon.

A chapter in Kentucky politics came to an end Saturday with the death of former Gov. Ruby Laffoon of Madisonville. It was a chapter punctuated with strife between the old and the new order for Kentucky, dominated by the hard-hearted and friendless man who received the nomination for governor at the last state convention to be held in Kentucky.

He was a picturesque figure in Kentucky politics and with his passing from politics the final page of a turbulent chapter is fully and whether any of politics is at all.

It was a period of political heartbreaks, political scandals, political falls and political rises.

It was a period that brought to light other figures who rose play important parts in the State's government, Governor Keen Johnson of Richmond and Senator Happy Chandler of Versailles.

Although Governor Laffoon's ideas and practices were not always in accord with other political figures, he held their respect and friendship. The entire state mourns the death of this gentleman of the old school. Kentucky will miss his humor and flowing oratory. Kentuckians regret the closing of a picturesque chapter of Kentucky politics that held the interest of the entire nation.

A Job Well Done.

With the announcement last week that Kentucky's debt has been reduced from $50,000,000 to five years ago to a little more four million, the lowest since 1924, Kentuckians begin to realize to the fullest extent the efficiency of the present administration. Kentuckians realize, the taxpayers point of view, that we are now one the most attractive state in the Union.

Each individual in Kentucky who has a small loan upon his home or farm, upon any property that he might own, realizes how quickly interest upon notes become due and how quickly interest can amount into staggering figures. Kentucky in the past has been burdened with bonds upon which interest had to be paid and money borrowed badly in other quarters had to be diverted to meet those payments. The present administration realized that for first problem to solve was the reduction of the state debt and the saving of interest payments. That reduction was made and now interest upon Kentucky bonds amounts to $140,000 annually, five years ago the annual payment was $1,500,000. In other words, $900,000 paid into the State's treasury can now be diverted into channels where it is most needed.

The present administration is pledged to one of thrift, progress, and efficiency. This program has been carried out in the past and will be done so in the future. It has been a job well done.

Drama Of Baseball.

To the innovator baseball fan the first ball games played in the Southern training camps are like the first song of the robin and the bluebird to the nature lover. It means a long, long sleep of one out of a hibernating sleep and was ready to function again.

Now the heroes of the diamond will be twirling the, little sphere across the bases all over the land. The crack of the batted ball will be sweeter music to the fans than to the which symphonic orgiasts create with violins and flutes.

To the lover of baseball the league championships are like a grand, continuous drama, with a scene played on every summer day. Here is human skill, agility, muscular control and physical vigor contending with opponents of similar powers. The whole drama is a battle of wits and strategy.

The science of baseball deals with something more than the physical ability to hit the ball and hit a ball. It also has to play on human temperament, and to handle serious personalities and unite them so that they will function as accurately as a clock. Also it has to so inspire them with hope and courage that they will rise to new skill in that last desperate inning when the score is against them, and two men are out.

The player must also be a real thinker. He must know from long training and experience what opposing players will probably do, and how the little sphere will fly according to the laws of physical motion.

There is a great deal more in a ball game than meets the eye of the casual observer. The persistent fan never tires of seeing these powers compete for mastery. If he is too far from the league centers to see the game personally, he can form a mental picture from the newspapers, and use his wit to determine which is the best team and who the best players.

Skinny Does It.

Tall, slender men are the fashion, says the Custom Cutters' Club, and it now is the turn of the fair sex to grin and indulge in dietary experiments in the breakfast nook. The lad who in school days answered none too eagerly to the call of "skinnay!" has his inning now, unless he has had been piling on surplus poundage youth denied him. For it's the streamlined physique for men, let the tailors tell it.

Coming into fashion, the Gotham experts again insist (they don't do that yet!) is the "Dawn of Tomorrow" suit, but it will seem like the morning after the night before when the bill comes in. That is because thinning down of prices has not kept pace with thinning down of outlines of coats and trousers. The hapless barrel-shaped bewilderment will be sen so, if the tailors have their way, as not so much stress will be placed on Sousonian breadth of shoulder, and legs will be made to seem longer, if only by a lessening circumference in the trousers.

Overcoats Off.

In the old days the first warm day of spring was the cue for administration to remove their of overcoats and put on their summer clothes. Not so now. It is now considered to be dangerous to do something thinner or none at all. Nevertheless, one simply knows this winter weather is home and runs the risk of seeing pneumonia with transplanting on the hood body's shoulders. The Washington Merry-Go-Round tells of an expert meteorologist forth unmeasured feel the clear, crisp air of a spring day is a good and healthsome feeling. It is a sensation we look forward to from year to year.

When the journey begins its spring swing, on the old swing, which was such a very fact when it was first drawn over the shoulder last autumn, becomes heavy and burdensome. It ceases to be a comfort and becomes a nuisance. It is a load to be carried, a hindrance to progress and super-cargo to be discarded at the first opportunity.

Paragraphs.

A wife is a creature who snatches a minute between cleaning up the dishes, the house and the children to skim through an article on "Should Married Women Work?"

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

DOLLAR-TROUBLE

WASHINGTON.—Informed circles aren't advertising it, but they are quietly trying to ward off a blow-off over the best of dollar-a-year men who have served for the government.

Some of the One Dollar men are conscientious and sincere public servants. Others are less scrupulous. While expressing the government's appreciation for their objects to the present, exerted little pressure to finish up their assignments, supposedly effects before government agencies.

All this has been so secret in the Capitol Hill, where the steadily growing crop of One Dollar men is has been aired with increasing frequency. Recently this undercover intrigue took form in a bill by Sen. Kenneth McKellar, veteran Tennessee, to bar such dollar-a-year men from government service and to fix their salaries.

McKellar's plan is to await an activeent of the lend-lease bill before pushing his measure, but meanwhile defense chiefs, seeing the handwriting on the wall, have quietly started cleaning up the situation themselves.

This has been done in a series of individuals quietly resigned or in the cover of transferring the original defense organization to the new office of Production Management. Several One Dollar men have been ejected here with the high-powered Lend-Lease setup. Others have been ejected from other agencies. Yet a few are have been shifted to jobs not directly connected with their own objectives.

Also, several non-commercial executives have been brought in to replace One Dollar men in important positions of defense. And now the house-cleaning is still to come.

Meanwhile, there are several experts who have been brought into the OPM are Dr. Ernest H. Top-ze, Harvard professor of Bacteriology, Dexter S. Kimball, former dean of Cornell university engineering school; William S. Wickenden, president of Case School of Applied Science, Dr. W. S. A. Pott, president of Lehigh University, and Dr. S. S. Stratton, Harvard professor of economics.

MR. SMITH GOES TO LATIN-AMERICA

It looks as if Senator Burkley was right when he predicted the end of fire assault movie, "Mr. Smith Comes to Washington." That film is now causing all kinds of headaches for the U. S. A. in South America, where it is used by the Nazis as one of their deadliest propaganda weapons.

John Hay ("Jock") Whitney has just made the report to the Roosevelt branch of the national defense commission. The story of a grafting newsie ganging up on a young reporter, Whitney says, is being circulated through Latin America as an illustration of U. S. government methods.

Whitney has been presuming Hollywood enough to add further dignity to the film.

Another big problem for Whitney is newsreels. Just how damaging a newsreel can be to the "Good Neighbor" policy it even a slight detail of accuracy is overlooked, was illustrated in a recent report to the state department by Norman Armour, ambassador to Argentina.

In a Buenos Aires theater one night, Armour was showing American newsreel shots of an air raid on Great Britain. Immediately following the raid pictures a toothing beauty contest in California was flashed on the screen.

"The laughs of the audience was rather pronounced," Armour reported, adding that the newsreel made it appear that Great Britain had its mind on bathing beauties instead of defense.

THE TAFT BROTHERS

Wm. Howard Taft's boys, Bob and Charley, are at odds again. Charley is long been in Washington, while Bob, who is a two-term Senator, has got a partner with Bob.

Recently, the job Charley has taken from the backs of Roosevelt. It involves labor coordination—Alexander Coordinator of International Affairs for the Defense Commission. Charley is a member of the administration from the beginning, and interest in the job is high.

Bob, Taft Senior, perhaps, was jealous of his brother's job, and recently he had better another job for his son, Robert Taft, Jr., who is a member of the Ohio legislature and a candidate for the Senate. Young Bob is a lawyer and a Yale graduate, and he is a friend to the Administration. Young Bob is a lawyer and interest in the Administration